GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

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REFUND OF SECURITY AMOUNT
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Cement Grinding Unit of Cement Corporation of India has now stopped production of cement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which it will restart production of cement for supply to intending customers;

(c) whether the purchasers desiring supply of cement in drums are required to deposit security amount for empty drums with the approved supplier/ contractor of CCI as per their rules;

(d) whether the security amount aggregating to thousands of rupees has not been refunded to consignee parties for more than three years, inspite of return of empty drums and also inspite of repeated requests for refund; and

(e) the steps being taken by Cement Corporation of India authorities toensure expeditions refund of security amount of affected parties?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b): Production of Cement at Delhi GrindingUnit is linked with supply of clinker from Nayagaon Clinkerisation Unit, Madhya Pradesh. Operations of Nayagaon Unit have remained suspended on account of variousreasons including dis-connection of power supply, due to acute liquidity problems faced by the company and, as a result, production of cement at Delhi Grinding Unit has also remained suspended. Resumption of production activity depends on improvement in the liquidity position of the company.

(c) to (e): The security deposit for empty drums is directly charged by the approved contractor/transporters from the consignee party. Cement Corporation of India (CCI) has received a few complaints regarding non-refundof security deposit and has advised the contractors to expedite refund.